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Dear Joshua:

Being the benign old professor type I love to correspond with my former students if they write nice letters. Our interpretation may of course have been incorrect, though I hope not; but I do not believe our observations were. If your explanation of a selection process having occurred were right, I should have expected that we should have had more than the rare successes we recorded. We are, however, continuing along different lines; it is slow work. I was sorry to hear that you had been unsuccessful in similar experiments.

Sincerely,



Erwin Chargaff:eb